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CORRECTION

Court workers do not cut the lawn at Holliday Park Townhouses Cooperative as stated in a letter in our July 27 papers. We apologize to the cooperative, its landscaping contractor, and our readers for our mistake.

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Caller questions whether Westland recall signers received absentee voters

I asked for, and never received an absentee ballot. Could my signature on Sharon Scott's recall petition have anything to do with it?

Several friends have also not received ballots they applied for, and have received for years.

Any more questions about an elected city clerk?

Inaccurate Citizen's For Saving Westland treasure filing not an oversight

So now David Cox claims an oversight with his telephone number being listed as the treasurer of a group called Citizen's For Saving Westland.

As long as David Cox has been in public office, you would have to be a moron to believe that filing legal election documents in error would be an "oversight."

How much more do Westland citizens need to see that the recall people are doing the right thing? Or do you expect a politician to lie, so it is acceptable?

Which Westland City Council person will be the ultimate survivor?

Each Westland City Council meeting seems like an episode of "Survivor."

I wonder who will go next week. But I know. Councilman James has been challenged about the years of property taxes he owes the city. His challenge is to pay them. Bye-Bye.

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Explosion levels home

Canton firefighters battled flames from an explosion that rocked homes on Wedgewood Street, off Ford Road and Morton Taylor, Monday morning. The fire singed the homeowners, Richard Carell, 60, and his wife, Lorraine Carell, 63, who survived and are in good condition. Flames destroyed their house and car and spread to two other homes. Damage estimates for all three homes ranged from \$500,000 to \$600,000. A gas leak caused from a broken interior gas line caused the fire, according to Canton Township Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher. Photo by Ivan Helfman

Fatal driving suspect arraigned

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Victor Russell, 42, of Romulus, who allegedly drove a huge van in which a Detroit woman died over the Memorial Day weekend, surrendered to Romulus police on Monday and was arraigned a short time later before 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley.

A return court date has been set for 9 a.m. Aug. 16 as Russell faces a charge that he

was driving the vehicle while under the influence of liquor that resulted in the death of another person.

If convicted of the charge, Russell faces up to 15 years in prison.

Russell, who was seriously injured himself in the high-speed accident case, was notified last week by Romulus Traffic Officer Cliff West that the Wayne County Prosecutor's office had issued a warrant for his arrest in the case.

Killed in the crash was Tammy Hill-Kennedy, 27, of Detroit.

According to the initial police report, Russell was operating a large 2000 Excursion SUV and traveling north on Harrison Road about 3 a.m. May 28.

The SUV reportedly hit a curb on the left hand side of Harrison, sending it skirting off to the right, where it struck a utility pole.

Police said the pole fell across the vehicle, delaying

the rescue of the two occupants for more than 15 minutes.

A Detroit Edison crew responded to turn off the electricity and the Detroit woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Russell, who suffered serious throat and chest injuries was then airlifted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Because of his recuperation process, West informed Russell of the warrant and waited for him to respond.

Family Pharmacy building approved

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A new Family Pharmacy building to be located at the corner of Goddard and Sterling in downtown Romulus was approved unanimously Monday night by the City Council.

The property is the first to be rezoned downtown under the new Central Business District zoning plan. The site formerly was listed as a C-2 (general business) zone.

Currently an old Ford building is located at the site and will be demolished, a store spokesman said, prior to the new building being constructed.

Bill Newman, pharmacy owner, told the council he owns a similar pharmacy in downtown Belleville (known as Andrews Sav-Mor Pharmacy) and that it has met wide acceptance there.

At this time, the drug store is not seeking any additional customers and thus the street

Currently an old Ford building is located at the site and will be demolished.

and nearby parking options are adequate.

As discussed when the issue was before the City Planning Commission, Newman said a large outdoor clock will be placed on the roof of the store.

He has not decided at this point what type of numerals

will be on the clock - regular or Roman.

Newman said the store, when opened, will add a 1-Hour photo site, cosmetics department and professional hair care products.

The store will remain open until 8 p.m. on nights from Monday thru Friday and until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

He later plans to rent the existing drug store premises. In another case, the council approved a rezoning request 4-3 that would switch 19 acres of land near Hannan and the Wabash Railroad from M-1

(light industrial) to M-2 (general industry).

The petitioner is D and G Building' operator Vincenzo DiDomenico and he revealed he hoped to construct up to 11 buildings there.

Tony Heimberger, a local citizen, objected to the request, saying if any change should occur it should be rezoned residential.

Councilman Donald Morris however said he felt the piece of property was very isolated and doubted there would be any interest in residential use there.

Battalion Chief retires

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Battalion Chief Donald Schmidt—who has retired after 30 years of service to the Romulus Fire Department—was praised for his dedica-

tion and unselfish commitment to the citizens of the city Monday night.

Mayor William Oakley and the City Council approved a resolution thanking Schmidt for his past service.

In an unrelated matter, citizen Marilyn Arnett of Harriet

St. in Romulus urged the city to restudy traffic signal use at Goddard and Shook in downtown Romulus.

Arnett said she has seen children nearly hit by passing vehicles at that site and believes that "such actions are accidents awaiting to happen."

Hotel request denied

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A rezoning request that reportedly would have added a hotel and restaurant to the corner of Oakwood and Eureka Roads in the current Oakwood Industrial Park was defeated Monday night by a vote of 4-3.

The rezoning request was offered by Haitham Semma and sought to change the zoning from M-2 (general industrial) to C-2 (general business) for a restaurant, hotel or general business.

Last month, a Planning Commission hearing was held on the issue and two citizens spoke out on the plan and the commission voted seven to one to reject the C-2 request.

The council was told that the hotel/restaurant would generate more money than an M-2 zone project.

When the issue was raised before the City Council on Monday, some questioned if an upscale hotel would be attracted to a site along side a railroad track.

The petitioner said a restaurant alone on the property would not economically support the property investment without a hotel adjoining.

The council was told that the hotel/restaurant would generate more money than an M-2 zone project.

Councilman Donald Morris, who also serves on the Planning Commission, said most on the commission supported the restaurant idea, but not the hotel plan.

Councilman William Wadsworth quipped that it seems strange that the city doesn't want visitors sleeping one night near a M-2 zone, but apparently has no qualms about building homes near such a zoned area.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak offered a motion to accept the zone change, but it died from lack of a second.

Councilman Michael Prybyla then made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the zoning change.

Joining Prybyla were Councilmen Morris, LeRoy Burcroff and William Crova. Opposed were Wadsworth, Romak and Randy Gear.

In another matter, the council unanimously approved a special land use request to erect a gas station and a Burger King Restaurant on 1.56 acres of land at Middlebelt and the I-94 expressway.

The proposed development will be known as Mobil Plaza under a plan devised by Elite Design and Development of Dearborn.

Few trucks are expected to use the gas station, since no diesel fuel will be sold there, Councilman Morris reported.

The petitioners said the restaurant could be open as early as December.

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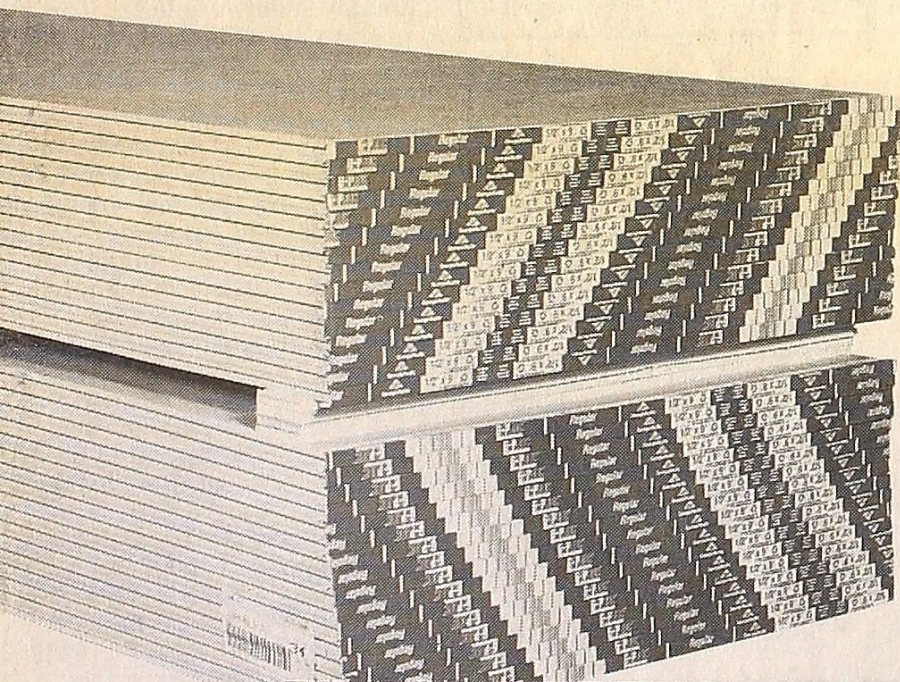
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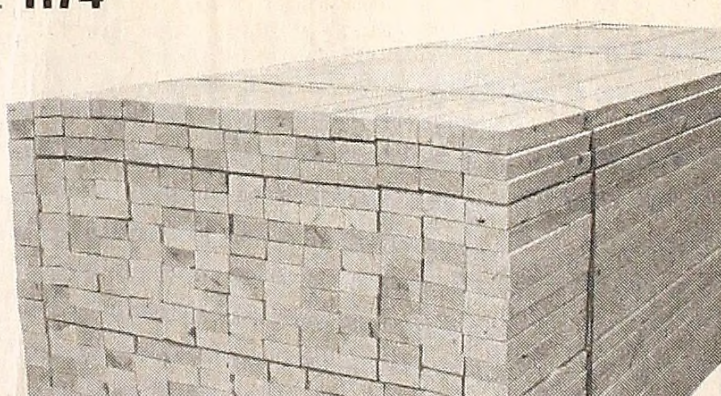
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August 10, 2000

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Council debates fate of street repair projects

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they all agreed upon the need to repair major and local streets, city council and the city's engineering staff can't find common grounds to launch the project.

The administration has asked council for authorization to solicit sealed bids or quotes from contractors for street resurfacing and/or replacement, but some members of the Inkster council said that without more information, specifically specs for the proposed paving program, they would vote down the proposal.

Council also debated whether to resurface streets with asphalt or concrete.

"If we go asphalt, we'll have

salt and pepper streets all over the city," said council member Ernest Hendricks, alluding to the white stains left after streets are salted to melt snow and ice.

Herb J. Lamkin, executive vice president of Wade Trim, the city's engineering firm, stressed to council the difference in the cost of concrete vs. asphalt.

"We're trying to get you the biggest value for your dollar," Lamkin said. "And we're attempting to do it as cost-effective as possible."

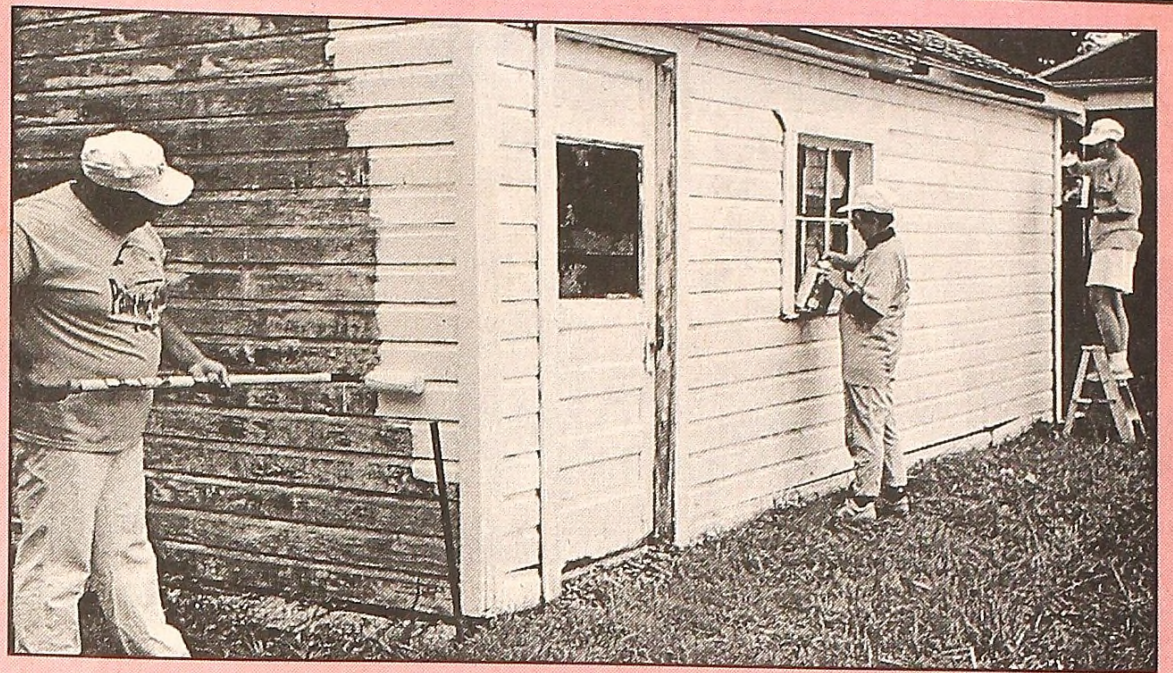
Three major roadways apparently need the city's immediate attention. The streets include the North and South River Park Drive areas.

Muzaffar Lakhani, Director of Public Works, reminded the

lawmakers most major contractors are already involved in major road repairs in the area and across the country and it will be difficult to resurface any street if there are further delays.

If the city decides to go out for quotes, the council must unanimously approve the contractor's quote, while if they opt to ask for bids, the process would take longer and the bids have to be opened simultaneously after they have been received.

Councilman Ernest Hendricks said he still had concerns on the way the administration is presenting the project to him and members of council because he and council "do not have any specs."



Applying a fresh coat of paint to a house helps not only to spruce up the building, but it enhances the community. "Paint the Town" volunteers plan to paint some 15 houses owned by the elderly, handicapped or low income thanks to the project which is in its eighth year in the city of Inkster. Pictured above are volunteers who showed up a year ago to participate in the project. The Paint the Town committee is in need of more volunteers for this year's project.

Paint the Town Residents target 15 houses this year

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster residents will get out their brushes and find their cans of paint to "Paint the Town" on Saturday.

In its eighth year, the project offers seniors and the handicapped an opportunity to get their homes painted by volunteers at no cost to the homeowners.

Introduced to the city by councilman Ernest Hendricks in 1992, Paint the Town is an offspring of a project launched 13 years ago in the cities of Detroit and Hamtramck.

Hendricks Wednesday night expressed some concerns over the future of the program in Inkster during the council's study session. He said that there may not be enough volunteers this year.

"
This is one project that really brings the community together for a good cause.
- Ernest Hendricks

Michigan Avenue on the South and Middlebelt Road in the West.

The project is being coordinated by Inkster Senior Services.

Only homeowners, who are elderly or disabled or have low income and reside in their homes, are eligible for the program.

Volunteers will paint the exterior of the house.

Residents who wish to participate or provide services may contact the Inkster Senior Services at 313-561-2382 for information.

"This is one project that really brings the community together for a good cause," Hendricks stressed. "It shows that we are a caring community and are interested in helping our neighbors."



Robichaud High Honors Student Jessie Marie Palovich receives a congratulatory message and handshake from RESA county superintendent Mike Flanagan.

Robichaud's Palovich awarded scholarship

She was the editor of her high school newspaper and graduated among the top of her class.

Now, Jessie Marie Palovich has received another prestigious academic award for her high school accomplishments.

Palovich, who graduated in June from Robichaud High School in the Westwood Community School District, was named the winner of Art, Citizenship and Eastern Michigan University Leadership awards.

Recently she was among a score of local and area high school seniors who were honored by the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

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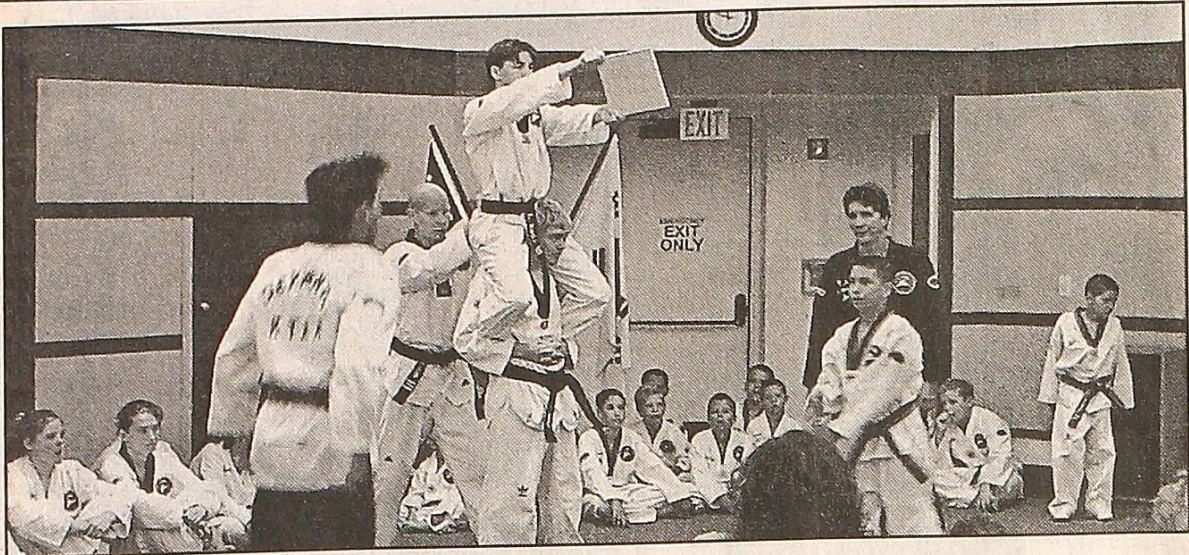
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Master Ron Rose's and his Kicks Tae Kwon Do students put on an exciting show for the library summer reading program participants during the library's final week of the program.

Library gets its kicks out of summer reading program

It was the final week of the Summer Reading Program at the Wayne Public Library.

And library officials wanted to make sure the kids really got their kicks out of the program. So, they invited none other than the Kicks Tae Kwon Do, to stage a demonstration for the children.

"It was an impressive demonstration of various art techniques," noted Paulette Medvecky, a library

staff member. "The children really enjoyed the various martial art techniques."

Demonstrating the fine art of self-defense were students enrolled in Master Ron Rose's classes. Incidentally, some of those students are as young as four years old and they represent various levels of skill, from beginners to international champions.

The program concluded with refreshments provided

by the people at the Old Country Buffet.

Then, the library's preschool crowd celebrated in library-style by attending a birthday party for everyone's favorite storybook canine - *Clifford the Big Red Dog*.

The Wayne Civitans provided a story time, a craft and an entire party complete with cake, pop, balloons and favors - a Clifford book - for every preschooler who was present.

Attention, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss candidates

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Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

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For more information, please contact Pat Hermatz. She may be reached at 721-5220.

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McInerney offers major update on Monroe Commons

With one of the proposed 26 homes completed, Monroe Commons has moved to its second structure, Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director for the city of Wayne informed Mayor Robert Dickerson and city council last week.

McInerney, responding to a request made by council for an update on the new housing development in the southeast quadrant of Wayne, said that the project is going well.

Monroe Commons developer Stuart L. Michaelson plans to build 26 houses in the estimated price range of \$180,000 to \$200,000 and, according to McInerney, "from a marketing standpoint, the de-

veloper reports a good response at this time, although there will be more advertising of the development."

The homes will be similar in size, about 1609-2230 square feet, to the homes being developed for "Walden Woods", located in neighboring Van Buren Township.

McInerney informed council that a first model home is being finished on Stellwagen, and the developer is moving ahead with the construction of a second home on the northeast corner of Stellwagen and Biddle which may also be used as a model for the project, complete with furnishings, the Community Development Director said.

Seniors are offered free health screening

Wayne and Wayne County senior citizens are invited to take advantage of free health screening and testing between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Avenue.

The Medical Team, a certified home health agency, is providing the service free of charge to persons 60 and older who reside in southern and

western Wayne County.

Persons who are 50 to 59 years old are also welcomed, but they must pay a lab/blood work cost fee.

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The owner of the building is out of the country and was unable to be contacted. By order of the City Manager, the building was secured on an emergency basis. The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

Publish: August 10, 2000

City of Wayne

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2000-17, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE AMENDMENT PART SIX, GENERAL OFFENSES; CHAPTER 620, DRUGS; 620.01, DEFINITIONS

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Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

Adopted: August 1, 2000
Published: August 10, 2000
Effective: August 11, 2000

FULL TEXT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

City of Wayne

Motion by McEachern, supported by Shackelford and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2000-18, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE AMENDMENT TO PART FOUR, TRAFFIC; CHAPTER 416, VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS AND MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY; 416.02, DEFINITIONS; 416.99, PENALTY

416.02 (b)(10)

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Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-24 AUGUST 1, 2000

Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowolski, Haidous, Lentine, McEachern, Shackelford. Member Absent: Powser, excused. Approved: minutes of Regular Meeting held July 18, 2000. Held public Hearing regarding FY '00-01 Downtown Development Authority Budget and a 2000 amendment. Adjourned Public Hearing until Meeting of August 15, 2000. Approved: resolution honoring Nettie Hurley on her 100th birthday; resolution proclaiming September 9, 2000 as "Friends Day" in Wayne; awarded bids for riot helmets for the Police Department, notebook computer and Multi-media projector for Youth Services; application for renewal of license to operate six mechanical or electronic amusement devices at Wayneland Fraternal Order of Eagles, 35850 Earl Street; Application for SDM license and Additional Bar Permit for Ellis Sloan, Inc., 34816-34824 Michigan Avenue West; second reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No 620.01; Controlled Substances; second reading and adoption of an amendment to the Motor Carrier Ordinance, No. 416.02; Definitions, and No. 416.99; Penalty; second reading and adoption of the rezoning of lot 92(b) of Chase and Abells Addition and the southeasterly portion of lot 315(a1a) and (a1a1b) of Assessors Wayne Plat No. 7 from Business Intensive (B-4) to Light Industrial(IND-1); recommendation to approve lot split for 4011 Hannan Road, Parcel #55-010-01-0058-300; Weed List No. 2000-7; rescind Traffic Control Order No. 457 regarding one hour parking signs on the west side of Elizabeth Street, between Clinton and Earl Streets; Professional Services Agreement with Second City-Motor City, for performance at Stage IV; Change Order #1 for additional dispatch equipment; payment to Motorola, Inc. for additional 800 MHz Digital Communication System radio for Department of Public Works; Professional Services Agreement with Tactical Methods Unlimited for Cultural Diversity Training; recommendation to declare 35550 Michigan Avenue West a Hazard/Nuisance on an emergency basis. Deferred action on an Entertainment Permit until a later date for additional information. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

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News from Belleville, Van Buren

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Skateboarders meet with city

Teen group announces plans to build a skate park

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

A nervous Aaron Silvenis approached the Belleville Council about his dream to build a skate park. Silvenis, a 15-year-old sophomore at Belleville High School, is leading a teen grassroots committee, Skate Zone, which is currently raising funds to build the park.

Silvenis arrived at the council meeting with a model and financial plan in hand, and was greeted with some praise as well as skepticism from the council and the audience.

Skate Zone is proposing a park at the now abandoned basketball court at Victory Park. The park would include a 30-ft. by 60-ft. concrete slab, three concrete benches, two concrete curb stops, a 14-ft high concrete half pipe, a kicker ramp and flat bar, as well as landscaping and refuse containers. The project would cost approximately \$5,000, and Skate Zone vows to do all the fund raising.

The group has already begun selling baked goods at the Belleville Farmers Market and received permission Monday to hold a rummage sale at Horizon Park on August 19.

Silvenis reported that when the community Youth Advisory Board formed last year, one of the group's key concerns was youth activities, particularly skateboarding.

Silvenis realized that in order to "reduce conflict with the police," a legal place to skateboard was necessary, a special meeting was called. Silvenis reported that nearly 90 local teens showed up to the meeting in July. Silvenis also said that local teens have taken interest in the project because there is not a lot for Belleville youth to do in their own town.

So, the teens researched costs, fabricated a model and arrived en masse at city hall to announce their plans.

But the idea wasn't welcomed with all open arms.

Belleville Police Department Cpl. Harry Taylor expressed his concerns about liability and the potential for trouble—including loud, swearing, smoking teens—in the proposed park.

Silvenis said, "We want this to be a family oriented place with no swearing and no smoking....We want to give skateboarders a good name."

Taylor, however, said skateboarders have a bad name because they have "no regard for other people and their property." He cited incidents in which he had to advise teens to leave the Belleville High School grounds when they were skating and destroying property,

and "just about gave Mr. Richendollar a heart attack."

Belleville resident Ralph Mayer said the proposed park would be right in his back yard, and if the skateboarders are anything like the basketball players, he would be skeptical about such a park too. He reports loud, foul language regularly coming from the basketball court, and doesn't want more of the same from the skate park.

Mayer said the swearing and disturbance has at times been bad enough that he would have called the police, but did not, for fear the teens would find out he was the one who called and retaliate.

But Belleville Police Department Cpl. Gene Taylor stepped up on behalf of the teens. He said he is a former "sidewalk surfer" himself, and explained that skateboarders can indeed skate on city sidewalks. "They have the same rights as pedestrians," he said.

Council member William Creamean commended Silvenis on his initiative and suggested that the committee take their plans to Belleville's Parks and Recreation committee before proceeding.

Council member Kay Atkins explained that she has approached Parks and Recreation, as she has worked closely with the youth involved in the proposal. She said she had proposed two other properties, and was shot down because commissioners said,

"That's in my back yard." Further, she explained one commission suggested the vacant property on Main and Third, not realizing that the city does not own that property and it carries a half-million-dollar price tag.

Council member Rosemary Loria also suggested the teens approach Parks and Recreation. However, she said she does not necessarily see the value of putting the skate park at Victory Park, explaining she wants the park to remain a family oriented park. Further, she explained, her own children never complained that they "have nothing to do," as they were involved in sports and extracurricular activities.

Atkins suggested that another council member and a member of Parks and Recreation serve with her to assist in guiding the teens, so that after they've put in many long hours of work, they don't meet more surprise objections. Council member William Emerson obliged.

"It concerns me when people come to this issue with closed minds," she said. "Are we going to continue to chase away our youth?"

She said, "You know what we're doing? We're sending them to Ann Arbor; we're sending them to Brighton; we're sending them to Taylor. It's a sad day in Belleville when we have nothing to offer our youth."

Family fishing day scheduled

Huron Valley Conservation Club will host its second annual Family Fishing Day Saturday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Horizon Park Boardwalk.

Fishing will be allowed only on the Boardwalk, and rules will be distributed at the event. There will be drawings for prizes, and bait will be provided. Bring your own poles and chairs, but the Club will also have some extra fishing poles on hand. The event is designed for children aged 5 years old and older and kids must be accompanied by a parent or other adult family member. For more information, contact Keith and Ginger Bruder at (734) 461-2498.

The fishing day will coincide with the Skate Zone rummage sale, which will be in Horizon Park from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will go toward building a proposed skateboard park in Belleville. Donations for the sale are needed, as are extra hands to help out. Anyone interested in donating items or lending a hand should call (734) 697-9376 and ask for Nicole or Kay.

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Letters from our readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Cyber porn creates online Sodom and Gomorrah

To the Editor:
Cyber porn has reached perverted levels beyond all imagination. Worse than Sodom and Gomorrah could ever have been.
Children can see tons of free samples by just answering yes to, "Are you 18?" on the screen.
It's like putting beer machines on every street corner. No one to check I.D.'s. No one to enforce the law. Just a sign that says you must be 18 to buy.

It's crazy.
Internet providers are guilty of gross negligence. At the least they are violating anti-display laws. Parents should try to sue the providers under the Victims of Pornography act passed by Congress a few years ago. It was lawsuits that brought the tobacco industry to its knees. Football games can be blacked out in different cities. Why couldn't the internet be blocked out so not to transgress the different

community standards of porn?
The issue is not individual rights. But it is the rights of the communities to prevent the breeding of Ted Bundy's that will walk their streets and stalk innocent victims and pollute their tranquil environment.
We have the drug and alcohol agency. Why can't we have a communications decency agency? The states could create an elected office of Obscenity Judge. Being elected

his mandate would be the community standards of porn for that State. He could be given powers to issue orders, levy fines, etc.
Should Congress re-write the 1st amendment in simple 3rd grade English so that even a Supreme Court Judge could interpret it?
Pull out of the stock market decent folks. America is due for a wake up call.
C. Gregory Dukes,
Moorseville, IN

Gracins thank fund-raiser attendees

To the Editor:
Mario and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and love to all of those who attended the fundraiser this past Saturday.

The show of support was overwhelming, and made us realize that our numbers are even more than we realize. The love and support you offered left us with warm hearts, and a feeling of unity.

We could never express in words just how much it meant to us, or to our family.

To all who worked so hard to make it come to pass, our love, our thanks, and our everlasting gratitude.

To the Masonic Lodge, our appreciation knows no bounds for your generosity.

Knowing all of you are standing behind us, makes all of this easy.

We have made so many new friends who will hold a life long place in our hearts and minds, and we hope will continue to be part of our lives long after this fight is over.

Thank you again, much love.
Mario and Brenda Gracin

Response to Trav Griffin

To the Editor:
I've been attending the council meetings and reading the letters and literature put out by some of the people on the council but the one by Mr. Charles "Trav" Griffin got me so mad that I had to respond to it.

Trav I've known you for over 20 years, but when you say this was about a qualified city clerk and her costing us thousands of dollars my blood starts to boil.

Trav how much money could it cost us for your deal

with Ms. Kathy Makino? And just how much did that cedar wood deal cost the people?

I remember the vote on the Tonquish Sub. That was for Mr. Harold Rosen of Dearborn Trav, not for the taxpayers of Westland, and don't say it didn't happen because it did, and I have the proof.

I think I've tried to be a nice old bird to everyone, but when I hear untruths and misstatements, I have to respond to them.

Now, I don't know just who's pulling the strings, but I know we don't need their people in

Lansing or in county office.
And if being able to strike off over 1,000 names from a recall petition is the qualification to be city clerk, then I guess we know why you four did that to Patricia

I just hope the people are smarter then you seem to think they are, Trav, and turn out to vote August 8th and when the people come by with the recalls for David Cox, David James and you, Trav, I hope the people sign and then come out to vote you out.
Betty Salmodge

Legion supports joint chiefs demands for military readiness

To the editor:
He has logged more than 100,000 miles in the U.S. and abroad calling for improvements to America's military readiness. Today, American Legion National Commander Al Lance praised the Joint Chiefs of Staff for speaking out.

Instead of towing the administration line on meager defense budgets, chiefs of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force reportedly have pre-

pared long-term budget requests calling for substantial defense increases.

"I knew all along that the troops - from Pentagon brass to junior enlisted - felt our nation's defense policy has gone awry," Lance said. "Now, the truth comes not only from The American Legion, it comes from the Pentagon. For the sake of America's interest abroad, and to protect our freedom, Congress and the administration should heed the Joint Chiefs' call. Meanwhile, The American Legion will encourage voters to send to Washington a president and a Congress that will fulfill their moral and constitutional obligation 'to provide for the common defense.'"

Since his September election as the 2.8 million member American Legion's top officer, Lance has discussed readiness issues with defense officials here; Reserve and National Guard members across the country, and active-duty troops in Germany, Kosovo, Bosnia, and in the Navy's Atlantic and Pacific fleets.

Lance kicked off The American Legion's nonpartisan national security awareness campaign on May 11. The campaign includes radio public service announcements targeted at key battlegrounds of the presidential contenders. The message: Elect a president and a Congress that will reverse alarming trends such as a 300 percent increase in deployments, a one-third reduction in the active-duty force, and a defense spending -

as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product - similar to that which preceded the Pearl Harbor attack.

Ideal FY-2001 defense spending would be 3.4 percent of GDP, according to The American Legion. The House on Wednesday approved a 288.5 billion military appropriation bill, outspending the administration's request by \$4 billion.

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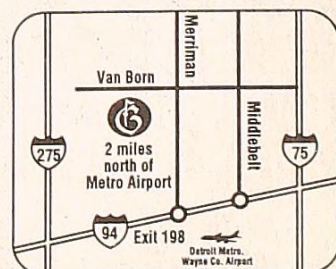
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ALL PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PHOTO will be taken at 6 p.m. Sept. 8, 2000 at the 45th Fall Festival Opening Ceremonies. Time capsule dedication and burial will take place at noon Sept. 10.

PARISH PICNIC for the Holy Family Church and the SS Kevin and Norbert Church will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 27, 2000 at the church located at 27355 Woodfield, on Inkster Road between Cherry Hill and Avondale in Inkster. Hot dogs and ice cream will be offered and participants are urged to bring a dish to pass. There also will be raffles, games and a while elephant sale.

METRO CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS MEETING is slated at 7 o'clock tonight at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus. Principal will announce the date of the planned school picnic slated for later this month. For more information call 800-699-9235.

MUSICAL SHOW SLATED The County Connection Chorus will join with the Huron Valley Harmonizers (the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America) for a musical show on Nov. 4. For more information call 734-480-8843.

THE NIGHT HARRY STOPPED SMOKING a one-act opera with a light-hearted story and delightful music offered by the Michigan Opera Theatre has received a \$5,000 grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation. Plans to offer the opera to elementary schools is now being planned.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH 50TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL is slated for Aug. 25-27 at the Romulus based church on Neville. Festival hours include: 6 p.m. to midnight on Aug. 25, 1 p.m. to midnight on Aug. 26 and 1 to 9 p.m. Aug. 27. Free musical entertainment is slated each night. Amusement rides, games and special dinners also will be available. A fish fry is slated Aug. 25, spaghetti dinners on Aug. 26 and chicken dinners on Aug. 27. A polka mass is slated for 11 a.m. Aug. 27.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUND-RAISER includes auctioning off of four framed fine art pieces by the Hartford Framing Co. and Art Gallery, 35501 Michigan Ave. (at Elizabeth St.) Bids will be accepted through Aug. 24. Items are now on display at the gallery. Winning bids will be announced on Aug. 27 at the Wheelfest.



Sing with Champions

The County Connection Chorus, Division A Sweet Adeline Champions, is hosting a guest night for all interested ladies at 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 15 at the UAW Hall, Local 898, at 8975 Textile Road in Ypsilanti. The chorus recently won a title in Cleveland following competition with choruses from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. MCN Special Photo

MI. at 248-887-9005.

HARWELL AT MODULAR HOME SHOW Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell of the Detroit Tigers will be a special guest from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Michigan Modular and Manufactured Home Show at the Novi Expo Center in Novi. Adult admission is \$5 and senior citizens will be admitted for \$3. Youth and children ages 17 and under will be admitted free. Home show will be held Aug. 18 through Aug. 27.

TAI CHI CLASSES will begin forming on Sept. 11 under the direction of the Taoist Cai Chi Society of Livonia. Senior citizens are welcome. For more information call 248-332-1281.

SINGLE MINGLE DANCE is slated from 8 p.m. every Wednesday to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Warren Chateau Banquet Center, 10 Mile Road, one block east of Mound in Warren. Dance is open to those 21 and over. No jean wearing will be allowed. Cost is \$5 per dancer or \$4 for those who arrive before 8:30 p.m. The dance hotline is 313-842-0443.

AFTER DINNER DANCES will be held at 8 p.m. every Sunday at the Warren Chateau Banquet Center, 10 Mile Road, one block east of Mound in Warren. Dances are open to those 21 years of age and older. No jeans allowed. Admission is \$5 or \$4 before 8:30 p.m. Hot line is 313-842-0443.

AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL is slated from noon to 11 p.m. Aug. 18, 19 and 20 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit. The theme of the festival is "The Souls That Bind Us: A Celebration of Our Similarities."

TENT REVIVAL MOVES recent heavy rains have forced the moving of the Living Rock Church Tent Revival services from Ecorse Road in Romulus, to the church itself at 291 E. Spring St. in Plymouth. The services are held nightly from Wednesday through Sundays. The church is located two blocks north of Main Street and two blocks east of Mill St.

MAYOR'S CHAIR TV SHOW slates Cory Elementary School Principal Phyllis Adkins and School Board President Michael Woods as key parts of tonight's program. Adkins will outline some changes in the district's student/parent/teacher compact. Woods will discuss the updating of the district's athletic facility, new elementary school, new school pool, etc. To call in questions phone 942-7571. TV show lasts

Metro Airport update meeting set Aug. 17

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A public forum with Detroit Metro Airport officials is slated for 7 p.m. Aug. 17 at Romulus City Hall's council chambers.

Romulus Mayor William Oakley had asked for such a meeting on behalf of the city council, when he met with Airport Director Lester Robinson late last month.

Romulus city officials urged that they receive an update on airport plans involving the massive new midfield terminal due to open late next year, adjacent road projects and the issue of berms or fences on land dividing the airport and the city.

Wayne County Commissioner John J. Sullivan said the public will be given an opportunity to ask questions.

Sullivan also said he is slating coffee hours in coming weeks with Western Wayne County residents.

The coffee hours include: 9 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Red Apple Restaurant on Main Street in Belleville; 9 a.m. Aug. 28 at the Tin Pan on Sumpter Road in Sumpter Township and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the Waltz Inn on Mineral Springs in Huron Township.

Sullivan also will be co-hosting a county picnic next month and a Wayne County Roads and Parks Public Forum in October.

For more information on times and locations call 313-224-0944.

from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Romulus Cable Channel 12.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS is slating a dance at 9 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Taylor Moose, 9981 S. Telegraph Road, between Wick and Goddard in Taylor. Cost is \$5 per member and \$7 for non-members. The PWP Chapter 369 President George Graff can be called at 313-388-8488 for more information.

150 attend Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force's golf outing

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

More than 150 golfers and supporters of Romulus Mayor William Oakley's Drug Task Force scored a major blow against substance abuse and key support for anti-drug awareness on July 21.

Thousands of dollars were donated at the 13th annual golf outing conducted at Shady Hollow Golf Course in Romulus.

The task force is composed of 40 concerned citizens, including local civic leaders, educators, businesspersons, and representatives from area religious groups and human service agencies.

The group seeks to promote community health by waging an educational battle on the effects of substance abuse that includes community participation, partnerships and the sharing of resources.

Past partnerships, Oakley admits, have included allocations of grant money to support events with an anti-substance abuse theme.

Duane Martin, task force chairman, reports that the Task Force has historically supported such events and

with added financial support in recent years has added a scholarship program.

Martin stated "we are thrilled with this year's contributions. For instance, Amer Kuza of the Quality Inn and Kays Zair of the Comfort Inn Metro, each donated \$1,000 towards the Task Force's scholarship program, after already donating to the golf outing."

He added "that kind of generosity allows us to continue looking for other long-term projects that provide a service to our community while promoting our mission of a drug free Romulus."

Oakley, while not a golfer himself, is an active participant in the day-long event. He said "I really appreciate everyone's involvement. The generosity everyone has shown and their willingness to give of themselves is a shining example of why the city of Romulus is such a special place to live. Thank you all!"

The Task Force meets the second Tuesday of each month. Suggestions on future funding requests should be sent to Duane Martin, chairman of the Mayor's Drug Task Force, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, 48174.

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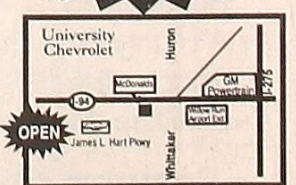
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Prayer is key to Wayne church's growth: Stewart

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

An enhanced prayer style will be the key to expected growth and updates at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, new Pastor David K. Stewart announced last Thursday.

Rev. Stewart began his ministry last week and presented his first sermon on Sunday. The congregation also welcomed Stewart and his wife, Ellen, at a special greeting program after the 11 a.m. service.

Like many other recent area

pastoral changes, Stewart reveals that the ministry is his second career.

Stewart, who said he was "saved" at the age of 16, "was running from any ministerial opportunity for 18 years."

During that time, Stewart said he worked as a governmental planner and controller for a dozen years, before accepting the "green light" into the ministry.

Stewart now is beginning his fourth church appointment in Wayne and realizes that he

faces a major challenge of rebuilding the church spiritual structure, after years of decline.

Michigan United Methodist Bishop Donald A. Ott in announcing Stewart's appointment, said he was selected because of his gifts in the areas of "preaching, teaching, evangelism, spiritual guidance and community involvement."

"Dave is well acquainted with small group ministry leadership. We believe Dave will bring the leadership

needed and request that church members commit themselves to growing deeper spiritually," Ott added.

"Dave will develop a more visible and positive presence in the community," Ott told local United Methodists. He also "brings skills from his former vocation, which will be a great help as you move forward on the renovation of your building."

Stewart said he was amazed that many of his strengths and church needs matched so

closely. He revealed he has plans to rebuild the church's youth program as well as its family ministry.

Stewart is proud of the church's strong-highly involved membership that he is sure will become a more dynamic team as prayer cycles begin.

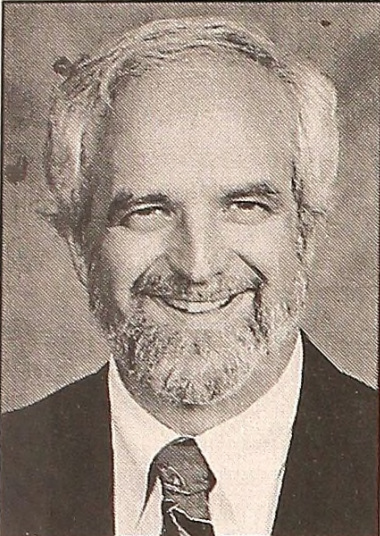
He also is impressed with the church's two choirs, one vocal and one featuring the ringing of bells.

Plans also call for reinvigorating the church's Sun-

day School, forming small groups and involving the entire congregation in the church ministry efforts, Stewart said.

He and his wife have two grown children, Kirk, who serves as an engineer in Midland; and Elizabeth, who works on the staff of Congressman Steve Largent.

Stewart asks area residents to join him in making the "First United Methodist Church the place you want to raise your children in the Lord."



David Stewart

People in the news...

Jordan Marie Taylor, daughter of Mischa Lambert and Earl Taylor of Wayne, was born March 15, 2000 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed six pounds and nine ounces at birth and measured 19 inches.

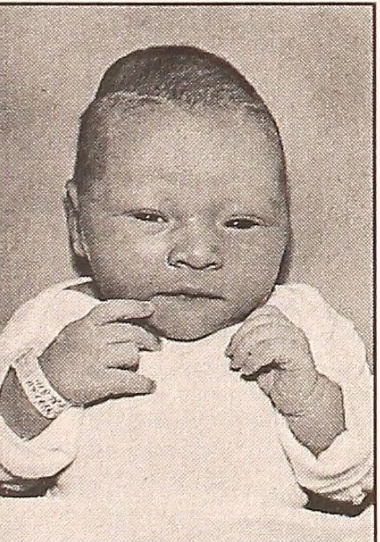
She joins two siblings, JeriAnn and Harley.

Her grandparents include: Nancy Lambert of Wayne, Cindy Wolf of Lansing, Earl and Cheryl Taylor of Middleton; great-grandfather, Floyd Lambert of Wayne; great-grandmother, Theresa Lambert of Wayne; Godparents, Martha and Lee Richards of Westland and Godfather Tim Hudson of Wayne.

Haley Elizabeth Prentiss, daughter of Sarah McLellan and Duke Prentiss of Belleville, was born June 27, 2000 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed nine pounds and three ounces at birth and measured 22 inches.

Her grandparents include Gary and Diane McLellan of Belleville and Ruth and Tom Slyfield of Belleville.



Haley Elizabeth Prentiss

Wayne resident Ligor Manushi, son of Janaq and Anastasi Manushi, has been presented with the Sandra J. Lobbstael Scholarship for his chemistry studies at Eastern Michigan University.

Manushi and 30 other EMU students received their awards recently at a banquet held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

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News from the City of Inskter

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Author! Author!

The book-signing reception recently held for author Theola Jones, who also is a Special Writer for the *Inkster Ledger Star* was a tremendous success. Jones published her *The Caregiver's Companion* and was on hand to sign autographs during a ceremony hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Inkster Alumnae Chapter. The event took place at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Center and was attended by an estimated 250 guests. Dr. Callie Hester, who served as mistress of ceremony, introduced the program participants: Kimberly B. Coleman, Chapter President Lorraine Hurst, and the New Faith Community Choir, which was directed by Yvonne Crawford and Carmen Gilkey. Also on the program was talented Dorothy Garrett, who offered a wide range of music on her keyboard. Gifts were distributed every half hour to lucky ticket holders by Rita Holt, Genarda Wright and Mildred Campbell. The guests were treated to a bountiful, tasty array of delectable goodies. Jones's book is still available and may be purchased by contacting the author at 313-561-3918. Pictured above, left to right, are program participants Dr. Hester, Tamela Brown, Sue Thomas, Evelyn Clark, Dorothy Garrett, Sharon Harris, Dr. Barbara Diamond, Michele Glenn, Alderene Solomon, Viola Dougherty, Corell Jones, Frances Webb, and Mildred Campbell.

City seeks volunteers to finish project

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Representatives of PR Networks, Inc. were in the city council chambers Wednesday night urging Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr. and members of council to rally their forces to find enough volunteers for a drain stenciling project.

William Hirt informed the city that the volunteers are needed to stencil warnings on or near drains that would warn of illegal dumping into the

sewers.

"We need to make sure that people don't dump debris down the sewers," Hirt said.

Inkster DPS Director Muzaffar Lakhani said that the first day of the project, July 29, was rained out and that the major portion of volunteers who did show up for the project were members of the DPS crew.

"We definitely need community participation," Lakhani said.

Councilman Marcus

Hendricks questioned Hirt and Lakhani whether the city planned to complete the job in one day.

"Are you going to attempt to cover the entire city on Saturday?" asked Hendricks.

Lakhani informed council that four days have been set aside, but the first day was washed out by incessant rains. The program will be conducted on successive Saturdays - August 12 and Aug. 19. Volunteers are being asked to donate 2 1/2 hours of their

time, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to stencil warnings near catch basins in order to prevent inappropriate dumping into the sewer lines.

Participants should gather at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, just across from the Inkster Valley Golf Course.

To volunteer, contact Miss Jackson at 313-237-3500. For further information, contact the Inkster DPS Department at 313- 563-9773.

Census director thanks citizens

While the nation awaits the outcome of the final Census Count, Inkster "Complete Count" Census Director Cus-

tisene Barge recently applauded the Complete Count Committee and the citizens for a job well done.

The Census figures will not be revealed until later this year.

In the meantime, two Inkster ministers - the Rev. Cheryl Myhand, pastor of Womack Temple and the Rev. Terrell A. Jackson - received a special "thank you" for helping to organize the successful Census Walk.

The two local ministers led an army made up of members of their church congregations, community leaders and citizens in a walk to draw awareness to the importance of the count.

The two prominent Inkster ministers also took time to preach the importance of the Census from the pulpit.

City officials would not speculate on whether the Census Count would top the city's 1990 figures. In that Census year, Inkster's total was pegged at 30,772.



Two who stood out in the recent census drive were ministers Terrell A. Jackson, pastor of Womack Temple C.M.E. Church, and the Rev. Cheryl Myhand, pastor of St. James United Methodist Church.

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The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the recreation complex, located at 2025 Middlebelt Road.

For additional information, please contact the Inkster Police Department at 313-563-9850, extension 115 or Inkster Weed & Seed at 734-722-5146.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

ORDINANCE 7-18-00

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 7-18-00

To rezone a portion of parcels V 125-83-041-99-0001-001, and V 125-83-041-99-0001-713, located in Section 11, from C-1 (General Business) to M-1 (Light Industrial) with all land further than five hundred seventy feet (570') from the Haggerty Road right of way proposed as M-1 and the balance of the property to remain as C-1.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed hereby to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting called and held on the 1st day of August 2000.

YEAS: Rochowiak, Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart and Herman.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby approve of the foregoing Ordinance.

Cindy C. King, CMC/AAE
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA
Supervisor

ADOPTED: August 1, 2000
PUBLISHED: July 27, 2000
August 10, 2000
EFFECTIVE: August 10, 2000

SPORTS

August 10, 2000

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A new golf champ crowned...



Westland's Chris Tompkins shows off the City Championship golf trophy after winning the classic amateur tournament.



Keith Kiesznowski, overall runnerup, but still Wayne champ and recipient of the Len Anderson Memorial Trophy.



Connie Combs (center) captured the city of Westland title, while Virg Sexton (at right) finished runner-up and Renee Gibbons was third.

Tompkins edges Kiesznowski to win golf crown

Horrendous first-round proves fatal for defending champ

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Mark Morton, who strung together an unprecedented three consecutive titles and was the odds-on-favorite to repeat as the 2000 City Championship Golf champ, found his match on Sunday in young and talented golfer, Chris Tompkins.

Tompkins refused to be intimidated by the veteran Morton, who shot an incredible 69 in the final round of the city championships, but couldn't make up for his horrendous first-round 78 that led to his demise at Woodlands of Van Buren.

Tompkins, a former Westland John Glenn ace who is presently with Eastern Michigan University's golf team, managed to hang on to win overall medalist honors thanks to two identical rounds of 72 for 144.

Tompkins, at 19, becomes the youngest to win the City Championship Golf title.

"It was a classic tournament," says Jeff Rutter, assistant Wayne Parks and Recreation director who served as tournament director. "Mark (Morton) had his problems, as he usually does on the first day, but he came back on Sunday and finished with a 69, and I'll tell you everyone out there thought he was going to do it again."

But Tompkins also got a scare from Wayne champ, Keith Kiesznowski, who apparently can't shed that 'always the bridesmaid image'. For the second straight year, the Wayne golfer finished runner-up, one stroke back of the leader.

It came down to the 18th hole on Sunday between Tompkins and Kiesznowski.

Tompkins birdied the 18th to edge out Kiesznowski by one stroke. Kiesznowski, the owner of Papa Romanos Pizza in Wayne, pulled even with Tompkins on the Par 4, 285-yard 16th hole with a birdie.

After both golfers made par on the 17th, it left the 18th, a par 4 hole as the deciding factor.

Kiesznowski tapped in for par. Tompkins lined up and sank his 6-foot putt for birdie and the 2000 Tournament Championship was his to own.

The four-time tournament champ, Morton, played in the same group but could only watch as he never got closer than three strokes from the leader.

Morton, however, did shoot the best round of the tournament on Sunday, a sizzling two under 69 and that clinched third place. But Morton's seven over 78 on Saturday was too big a hole for him to climb out of.

Weather also kept the competitors in suspense. Here's Rutter to explain.

"After a day made for golfing on Saturday," Rutter said, "the rain came late Saturday night and didn't stop until Sunday, 15 minutes before tee-

time. After a cloudy start on Sunday, the golfers played in a sunny, but muggy-humid weather."

Kiesznowski didn't walk away empty-handed. His 145 provided him with the city of Wayne title and also, for the third successive year, he walked off with the Kenny Anderson Trophy. The trophy pays tribute to the memory of Patrolman Lenny Anderson, who was slain in the line of duty in Wayne in 1974.

Wayne Memorial's veritable athletic director, Bill Hawley, again proved he can play with the best of them. Hawley successfully defended his Senior Division Championship, edging Rick Stoner of Wayne for the second straight year. After the tournament, Hawley reportedly pleaded with the rules committee to allow the seniors to tee-off from the middle tees to compete with the young long-hitters.

Also, Mary Allen of Wayne

managed to turn back a challenge from Westland's Connie Combs to win the Women's Championship by one stroke. Defending champ Virg King finished third.

In the meantime, Bob Selberg, who finished third last year, successfully defended his Canton Township title. He carded 76-76 for 152 and finished fourth overall, but first in the field of the township golfers. The Canton Championship was very competitive this

year as six golfers shot 163 or better, putting them in the top 12 in the tournament.

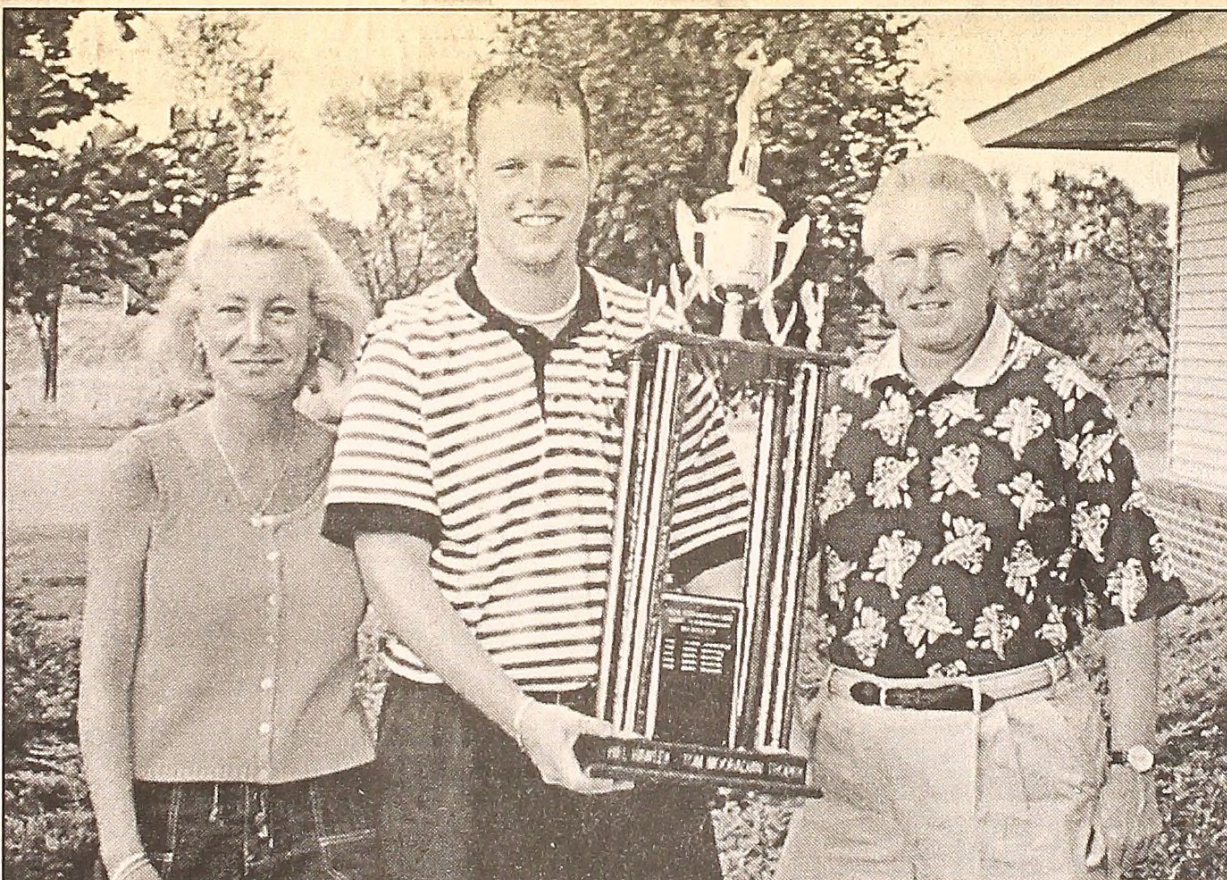
Finally, Kevin Pollock, of Garden City, continued to look impressive as he defended his 1999 Open Championship title with two rounds of 81 for 162. Pollock beat Bruce Abe, who finished second by a stroke (80-83-163).

Tournament players were also impressed with the long drives of young players like Eric Spencer, Eric Stover and

Matt Darnell.

And for the first time Belleville managed to field a division which was won by Dave Beck, who checked into the clubhouse with an 88-87 for 175.

Golfers who finished in the top five of the Championship Flights also qualified to represent their cities at the Michigan Parks and Recreation state tournament which will be staged in September in Livonia.



Flanked by his mother, Kathy and father Tom, Westland's Chris Tompkins was all smiles after he won the 2000 City Championship golf classic on Sunday at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

New football playoff format widens field

High school football teams checked into camp on Monday and players and staff can look forward to the upcoming season with a better chance of reaching the playoffs.

Since 1972 when the Michigan High School Athletic Association adopted the "point system" for teams to qualify for post season competition, there has been much controversy over the format because some team with perfect records couldn't qualify.

For example, a Class A school beating Class B and C opponents may not accumulate the necessary points to qualify for the state playoffs. Over the years the playoff base has been broadened to include conference champs and undefeated teams but still there were excellent teams that did not qualify.

Now, as the 2000 season begins, the MHSAA has adopted, upon the recommendation of the coaches, a rule that if a team wins six of its nine, or five of its eight, regularly-

All football schools must conduct three required conditioning days of practice before beginning contact.

scheduled games it will be invited to play in the playoffs.

There are several other notable changes football, as well as in basketball, soccer and swimming, MHSAA officials say.

First of all, football practice began on Monday (Aug. 7) for all schools wishing to begin their season on the weekend of Aug. 24-25-26. Some teams, as in the Detroit School District, will play their opening games without classes even commencing.

However, all football schools must conduct three required conditioning days of

practice before beginning contact.

Conditioning sessions may not include any pads. Practice also commences the week on Aug. 10 for schools sponsoring boys golf in the Lower Peninsula, with competition in the sport beginning on Aug. 14.

The remaining fall sports begin their practice schedules on Aug. 15, and all but three sports can start competition on that day. The first game date for boys soccer is Aug. 25, girls' swimming and diving in the Lower Peninsula may open activity on Aug. 26, and the girls' basketball begins on Aug. 28.

Playing rules changes by the National Federation of State High School Associations are few for the upcoming season, MHSAA officials state. However, there are some notable changes.

The most noticeable change in football is that there are now two different penalties for grasping an opponent's face

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Unbeaten Twisters face showdown with defending champs

Not looking ahead to their pending showdown with nemesis, the Central Ohio Lions, the Michigan Twisters clobbered the Oakland County Coyotes, 23-6, for their third consecutive victory in the Lake Shore Semiprofessional Football League.

The Ohio Lions are the LSFL defending champs, and the champs will be in town Saturday night to decide who remains atop of the hill.

"It is a big game for us," said Glenn Brothers, the Twisters' general manager. "This game has a lot riding on it."

Brothers noted that the Lions were ranked nationally in the top five last season, and this year's team is as good as if not better than last year's squad.

"These Lions are currently averaging 45 points per game and, according to those who have scouted them, they have made substantial improvements to both their offense and defense."

A year ago, the Lions pulled out a 13-10 victory over the Twisters to capture the LSFL championship.

"We are as ready as we ever will be to play them," Brothers added.

The two opponents will begin play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Willow Run High School. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

Against the Oakland County Coyotes, the Michigan Twisters opened the scoring after their initial drive stalled and they kicked a 37-yard field goal.

Before the first quarter ended, the Twisters struck again as Frank Niscoromni, a rookie wingback out of Farmington, scored on a 27-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Roger Frazier.

Frazier was pressed into service due to the absence of Rob Elswick and Lavelle Vanhorn.

It was Frazier who also scored the Twisters' second TD of the evening. This time

It is very important that our staff to know and understand the capabilities of each player under actual game conditions in our quest for the league championship.
- Jason Hagelthorn

the rookie back capped a short drive by going into the Coyotes end zone from 13 yards out.

Greg Petitpas converted both Twister point after, turning it into a 17-0 score at half-time.

Early in the third quarter, Jason Gibson continued his outstanding play by contributing the team's third TD. Gibson managed to slice through the Coyote line, sidestepped the linebacker and raced 27 yards into the end zone.

However, the Twisters failed to convert the PAT but they still had a commanding 23-0 lead.

The Coyotes scored late in the fourth quarter on a pass-run play that covered 32 yards to avert the shutout.

Twisters' head coach Jason Hagelthorn said he was pleased with the overall performance of his squad. He also managed to get all of his players into the game.

"It is very important that our staff to know and understand the capabilities of each player under actual game conditions in our quest for the league championship," said Hagelthorn. "From here on, things only get more difficult and we are fully committed to bring a LSFL championship to Michigan."

Sports Beat

Here's what is happening on the **Sports Beat** this week:
Call all Glenn runners

If you're planning to run cross country this fall for Westland John Glenn High School, this message is for you: **Coach Jess Shough** is holding an organizational meeting next week.

The meeting will be conducted at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14 at the high school.

"We're particularly interested in 9th and 10th graders who will be attending John Glenn this fall," said Shough, who is the dean of area high school cross country coaches.

Anyone who needs more information please contact coach Shough at 734-729-4720.

Wayne Wolves want players

Wayne baseball m,man-

ager Louis D. Jammick announced this week that he and staff will be conducting baseball tryouts for 16 and under players on Aug. 27 and Aug. 20.

The local teams will be traveling to a selective number of tournaments.

If you feel that you have the talent to make the team, call 313-562-4667, (for 12 and under ball players), and 734-595-2975, for 16 and under players.

Inkster hosts karate tourney

Hundreds of young - and old - karate enthusiasts will gather in the city of Inkster at the **Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Center** to participate in the Michigan National Pro Am Karate Championships.

The tournaments are sponsored by **Team Tate International** are being staged by Carl Tate Jr., a World and International Martial Arts

Hall of Fame member.

Tickets for the program are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and children.

Inkster Recreation Center is located on Middlebelt Road, about a third of a mile north of Michigan Avenue.

Hockey clinic dates announced

The Michigan DekHockey Association announced this week that it will be the host for the **Peter Dale Roller Hockey Clinic** which will begin on Aug. 21.

The DekHockey Center is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township about 2 miles west of the I-275 Expressway and is the home of both Inline Roller Hockey and DekHockey or Street Hockey.

Registration for the 2000 Fall season is underway. For more information contact **Gord Young**, director of Hockey, at 734-397-8900.



Undefeated baseball champs

Undefeated in their 15 outings this season, the Devil Rays finished with an impeccable 15-0 overall record and captured the Wayne Baseball Association's Mustang Division baseball championship. The Devil Rays, with first-place trophies in hand, and smiles for the photographer are pictured above. Team members and coaching staff include Ray Malia Jr., (kneeling, front row, from left), Eric Solarski, Eric Robertson, Devon Waitkus, Anthony VanMeter, and Mike Johnson; in the middle row are team players Jeff Thompson, Alex Bledsoe, Whitney Jacobs, Phil Johnson and E. J. Roach; in the third row are members of the coaching staff - coach Ed Roach, and assistant Mark Robertson and Ray Malia.

High schools hit an all-time high in athletic participation

Fueled by the continued growth of girls sports and a boom in boys sports like soccer and ice hockey, participation in high school athletics at Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools hit an all-time high during the 1999-2000 school year.

There was a total of 282,426 participants in sports in which the MHSAA sponsors post-

season tournaments during the past school year. Among the participants, a record 118,292 took part in sports in which the MHSAA sponsors tournaments for girls only, which was a record 41.9 percent.

MHSAA officials noted that the participation figures do count each team a student is a member of, meaning students

who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

The participation figures for girls are up over 13 percent since the 1994-95 school year. Boys are up six percent over the same period.

The greatest growth in girls sports during the 1994-95 to 1999-2000 time period came in soccer, which was up 55 per-

cent, from 7,684 players to 11,921; golf, up 52 percent, from 2,343 participants to 3,564.

Other girls sports with record participation numbers last year were competitive cheer with 3,019 athletes; cross country, with 6,761; swimming and diving, with 6,652; and tennis, with 8,757.

Volleyball was the most popular sport for girls for the

fourth consecutive year.

Of the boys sports, ice hockey grew 57 percent in the past five years, from 98 teams and 1,900 participants in 1994-95, to 142 teams and 2,989 players last year - a trend which is expected to continue.

Boys soccer has grown over 25 percent to a record 12,987 participants in 1999-2000.

Football continues to be the

most popular sports for boys, and its numbers have remained stable over the past decade.

The participation figures are gathered annually by the MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling its national survey.

Playoffs

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mask or helmet opening - an incidental penalty of 5 yards and a flagrant penalty of 15 yards.

In basketball, pre-game meetings between referees,

coaches and captains will emphasize the need for good sportsmanship; horizontal lettering on uniform jerseys may now be arches, with limitations; and 20-second time outs have been increased to 30 seconds in length - with the end results being three full and two 30-second time outs per game.

In soccer, uniform rules place an emphasize on shin guards providing reasonable protection, and that socks be the same single dominant color, but are not required to be the color of the jersey; games may not be played until the home team provides two ball handlers; excessive celebration shall be penalized.

Local YMCA to offer fall sports

The Wayne/Westland YMCA has several fall sports programs on its drawing board and is seeking participants to bring the activities alive.

YMCA officials say that are planning to hold basketball, soccer and flag football sessions for youngsters, beginning Sept. 11 until Oct. 28.

The basketball program is geared for children between the ages of 6 and 14; soccer is for players between the ages of 4 and 12, while the flag football program is for children, ages 6 to 14.

The YMCA also is planning basketball and floor hockey sessions in October for youngsters between the ages of 4 to 14 (soccer) and 6 to 14 (basketball).

For additional information, contact the Wayne/Westland YMCA at 734-721-7044. The Wayne-Westland YMCA is located at 827 South Wayne Road, in Westland.

MCN staff seeks fall schedules

Well, the countdown to the Year 2000 high school fall sports season has begun.

Local and area high school football teams and their coaches began their grueling twice a day practices on Monday, a day more suitable for being down at the beaches than on a gridiron. Temperatures were around 80-degrees at noon, and the humidity unbearable for most, especially those in football uniforms.

As the teams prepare for their Aug. 24 openers, the MCN Sports Staff also is looking forward to the upcoming season, and MCN staffers would like to remind athletic directors to either fax or mail Fall Schedules to the MCN Sports Desk so we can staff events with photographers and staff writers.

The MCN Fax number is 734-729-6088.

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MARQUARDT, ALMA E.
MCDONALD, JOBBIE
WELCH, AVEREL C.

HARMON, VIRGINIA
Passed away July 31, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Dear mother of LuAnn Morton (Bob), Douglas (Peggy) and Dana (Shelly). Dear sister of Patricia L. Pate, Nancy E. Swan (Ronald), Ruth A. Hadyaniak (Ronald), John F. Hall (Karen) and Karen M. White (Mervin). Beloved daughter of Frances P. Hull Bare. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

KAPETON, EVELYN D.
Age 81, of Zephyr Hills, FL, formerly of Wayne, passed away July 27, 2000. Beloved wife of the late Alexander. Loving mother of Michael, George, Anne, Kathy MacLaury, Martha and Amy. Also survived by 1 sister, 1 brother and 3 grandchildren.

KASSEL, WINIFRED F., age 70, of Westland, passed away on Monday July 24, 2000 at her daughters home in L'Anse. She was born May 15, 1930 in Detroit, daughter of the late Eschol and Winifred (Boustead) Sherman. She married Glen Kassel in 1949 in Warren. She was a volunteer at the Wayne-Westland schools for many years, then employed with them for 10 years as a librarian, retiring in 1990. She had donated to the Wayne Library her puppet collection for telling stories. Winifred is a artist who is known for her oil paintings. She was a volunteer and scout leader for Boy Scouts of America in Westland for over 10 years. She is survived by six sons Alex (Urszula) Kassel of Grand Rapids, Glen Joseph (Debbie) Kassel of Harvey, Anthony Kassel of West-

land, Michael (Michele) Kassel of Benton, Arkansas, Kevin Kassel of Adelanto, California, Thomas Kassel of Ghent, Belgium, one daughter Cheryl Ann Kassel of L'Anse, a sister Lorraine (Clyde) Straub of Corona, California, eight grandchildren Joseph, Krista, and Nicole of Harvey, Matthew and Bart of Grand Rapids, Courtney, Jessica, and Stephanie of Benton, Arkansas, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Winifred is preceded in death by a brother Russell Sherman and sister Sylvia Mae Sherman. Visitations were held on Wednesday July 26 and Thursday July 27 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. The funeral mass was held on Friday the 28 of July at St. Simon and St. Jude Catholic Church in Westland. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetary in Wayne.

KOHMESCHER, JACK N.
Age 75, of Westland, passed away August 3, 2000. Loving husband of Gladys. Dearest father of Deborah (Ted) Miklas and Cynthia Kohmescher. Also survived by 2 sisters, 2 brothers and 8 grandchildren. Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church with arrangements by Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Cremation rites were accorded.

MARQUARDT, ALMA E.
age 90 of Romulus, passed away on July 31, 2000. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Elmer. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

MCDONALD, JOBBIE E.

Age 63, of Wayne, passed away August 3, 2000. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth. Dear father of Joel (Tina), and stepfather of Greg (Paulette), Janet (Ronald) and Kim (Bill). Also survived by 1 brother, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Services were held August 7 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

WELCH, AVEREL C.,

age 72 of Westland passed away on August 2, 2000. Beloved husband of the late Joice. Loving father to Wendell (Mary) Welch, Cecil (Deborah) Welch, Larry Welch, Bruce Welch, Kathy (Richard) Saurers, Linda Welch, Alvernia (David) McNeil, Nellie (Robert) Wrenn, and Barbara Angerbrandt. A dear brother to Hoover Welch and Charles Welch. He is survived by 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held August 4, 2000 at Uht funeral home in Wayne with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Home Depot opens

In honor of Home Depot's opening in south Canton, the company will donate \$1,500 to the library and \$1,500 to the Canton Community Foundation.

Doors open to the public at 6 a.m. Thursday at 45900 Michigan Ave.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BIDS REQUESTED

Sealed bids for the sale of 6 police vehicles will be received in the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Van Buren until 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), August 25, 2000.

The vehicles may be viewed and inspected at the Township Police Station located at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 during normal business hours. Van Buren Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

INSTRUCTION FOR BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the sale of the following police vehicles:

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- 3) 1997 Ford Crown Victoria (99269 miles)
Minimum Bid: \$5800.00
- 4) 1997 Ford Crown Victoria (92610 miles)
Minimum Bid: \$5800.00
- 5) 1998 Ford Crown Victoria (91343 miles)
Minimum Bid: \$6300.00
- 6) 1997 Ford Crown Victoria (75663 miles)
Minimum Bid: \$5800.00

will be received in the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Van Buren until 3:00 p.m., (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) August 25, 2000. Under no circumstances will any bid be accepted after the 3:00 p.m. deadline. The bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Township Clerk at 3:15 p.m..

All Vehicles are sold as "as is" condition.

BID DELIVERY

Bids must be delivered in person or sent by mail to the address indicated below. Bids will not be accepted after the date and time designated for the opening of the bids. The bidder shall assume full responsibility for the delivery of bids prior to the appointed time for the opening of the same and the transmission thereof. Bids shall be accepted at any time prior to the deadline, during the normal course of the business only, said hours being 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), Monday through Friday, legal holidays excepted. Late signatures of the proposed purchaser. The vehicle will be available for viewing and inspection at the Township Police Station during normal business hours.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, may waive any irregularities in the bids received, and is not required to accept the lowest bids.

DEADLINES FOR BIDS

Two (2) copies of the sealed bids are due no later than 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), On August 25, 2000, addressed as follows:

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If further information is required, please contact Public Safety Lieutenant Ken Brooks at (734) 699-8930.

Publish: August 10, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 1, 2000

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman, and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Director of Development Kelley, Coordinator of Development Miller, Parks and Lake Director Cipko, Environmental Coordinator Ballard, Public Safety Director Perkins, Cable Coordinator Basten, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Payne and an audience of eleven (11).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: King moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 17, 2000, as presented. Carried.

King moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2000, with the following corrections: page 1, paragraph 10, 3rd sentence change the word "competed" to "completed", page 2, first sentence for purposes if clarification should read "...Recreation Master Plan which the Department of Natural Resources requires to be updates every five years covers programming, agency cooperation..." and finally, page 3, paragraph 5 remove the word "carried" from the sentence where no motion was made. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Foster announced that our web site is up and running and invited residents to visit us at www.vanburen-mi.org. The web site home page currently has over 100 pages of information.

A letter of appreciation to employees Jennifer Price and Matt Foster for their efforts in helping a resident resolve some water and sewer issues..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Herman moved, Clark seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 7-18-00, to adopt an amendment to the Zoning Map, a part of Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, to rezone a portion of parcels [V-125-83-041-99-0001-001 and V-125-83-041-99-0001-713], property located in Section 11, from C-1 (general business) to M-1 (light industrial) with all land further than 570 feet from the Haggerty Road right of way proposed as M-1 and the balance of the property to remain C-1. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rochowiak, Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart and Herman. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A synopsis of the Ordinance follows the minutes. A complete copy is available for review in the Clerk's Offices during regular business hours Monday through Friday.)

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Rochowiak second to approve the GIS Development contract for storm water management in the Rouge River Watershed with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, the township engineering consultant, per the terms and conditions of the River Rouge GIS grant awarded to Van Buren Township and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract and further to amend the 2000 General Fund budget in the amount of \$37,250 in the Community Services "Contracted Services" line item and \$37,250 in the Water and Sewer Fund "Contracted Services" line item and creating Grant Revenue of \$37,250 equally in both funds and the additional \$37,250 to be expended equally from fund balance in the General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund. Carried.

Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve the GIS Development contract for sanitary, water and storm lines with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, the township engineering consultant, and authorize the

Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract and to amend the year 2000 Water and Sewer Department Budget "Contracted Services" line by \$39,315 from the Fund Balance, Excess 6 mils. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: King moved, Hart seconded to approve the August 1, 2000 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Township web site address is www.vanburen-mi.org.

The deadline for the payment of 2000 school taxes has been extended without penalty through Friday, September 29, 2000.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000. The poll will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available and ballots are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office. Requests for ballots must be in writing and include the signature, address for mailing and the reason for requesting the ballot. In addition, the clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, August 5, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Finally, residents may come in to the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 7, 2000 for an absentee ballot; said ballot cannot be taken out of the building, voters will be placed in a conference room to vote their ballot. Contact the Clerk's office at 699.8909 for additional information.

The Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for August 8th has been rescheduled for August 10th due to the Primary Election.

SCS1 cables, power cables, RAM and ROM, DVD and CD drives, sound cards and modems are all part of the Computer Camp program in which teens and seniors build computers currently being held at the township hall.

Symphony in the Park will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. This event is preceded by a gourmet picnic sponsored by the Council of the Arts. In case of rain, the concert will be held at North Middle School and the picnic will be held at the Belleville High School cafeteria.

The September Days Senior Center sends out a big thank you to all of the people who volunteered for "Meals on Wheels" a program that delivers meals to homebound residents in the community.

The Senior Center has water exercise classes available, blood pressure checks August 7th and August 21st, and the Country Jamboree will be held on August 18th. Contact September Days at 699.8918 for more information on these and other programs and events.

The confidential tip hotline telephone number is 699-8940.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda items): A candidate for County Commissioner introduced himself to the Board and audience. Supervisor Foster stated Board policy does not allow candidates to use the Board Meeting forum for campaigning and thanked him for his attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Clark moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA
Supervisor

Publish: August 10, 2000

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People in the News

August 10, 2000

Canton man named

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Ralph Hardi of Canton has been named to the Spectrum

Strategies facilities team.

Hardi currently is serving the Ford Motor Land Services Corp.

He formerly was employed by Danou Enterprises with over 25 years experience.

Melissa N. Takizawa, daughter of Ivone and John Takizawa of Westland, has graduated from Barnard College.

She majored in English. Previously graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in Livonia.

Jacob Brandon Caywood, son of Brandon and Edwina Caywood of Wayne, was born July 22, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

He weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces at birth and has brown hair and blue eyes.

He joins a sibling, Natasha Abner, at home.

His grandparents include: Naomi and Edward Cole of Wayne and Ken and Gail Miller of Brooklyn.

Tanner James Zabik, son of Nathan and Mary Zabik of Romulus, was born July 22, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

He weighed six pounds and four ounces at birth.



Karen Nicole (Salley) Smith and her husband Robert Edward Smith of Wayne.

Salley, Smith married

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Karen Nicole Salley of Wayne and Robert Edward Smith of Mahomet, Ill. were married July 5, 2000 at Heritage Park's Golden Pond Gazebo in Taylor.

The Rev. Rob Joy, pastor of the Congregational Church of Wayne performed the ceremony. Approximately 125 guests attended the reception at the Woodlands of Van Buren Township.

The bride wore an ivory gown bearing pearls and embroidered flowers.

Her maid of honor was Stacey Malkowski, a friend,

and her bridesmaid was Erica Novack, her cousin.

The best man was Tim Smith, brother of the groom. Ushers were Todd and Tim Salley, cousins of the bride.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Salley of Wayne, is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attended Henry Ford Community College. She is a flight attendant for Meseba Airlines.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Mahomet, Ill., is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He currently is a captain-pilot for Meseba Airlines.

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36 MO.
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RENEWAL

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DOWN
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188
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Available

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188
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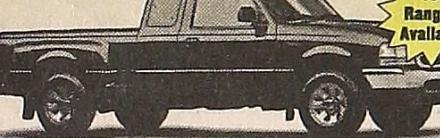
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